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(C) Japan will be represented at the May 5-16 meeting of the UN Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD-16) by members of their UN Mission, according to MOFA Second Africa Division Principal Deputy Director Hirotaka Matsuo. Tokyo will not send a high-level representative or, for that matter, anyone from the capital. However, Matsuo added that this was not necessarily because the meeting will be chaired by Zimbabwe. Rather, he said, all the relevant officials in Tokyo are too busy preparing for TICAD IV and the G-8 meetings to attend. He also pointed out that Japan has not been represented at a senior level at the CSD for some time. Normally, a senior vice minister from the Ministry of Environment is dispatched, but this was not the case last year. The last time MOFA sent a senior official was in 2003.
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